

HOUSE BILL 996

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2011

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Festival License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Alcoholic Beverage Board of St. Mary's County to
4 issue a special beer festival (BF) license; establishing certain requirements for
5 license applicants and for holders of special beer festival licenses; establishing a
6 certain fee; specifying that a licensee is not prohibited from holding a certain
7 other license; requiring the Alcoholic Beverage Board to approve the time and
8 location of a beer festival subject to certain limitations and to ensure a certain
9 primary focus for a beer festival; requiring the Alcoholic Beverage Board to
10 adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to beer festivals in St. Mary's
11 County.

12 BY adding to

13 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 8–806

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

20 **8–806.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **(A) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY MAY**
2 **ISSUE A SPECIAL BEER FESTIVAL (BF) LICENSE.**

3 **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, AN APPLICANT FOR A SPECIAL**
4 **BF LICENSE SHALL BE A HOLDER OF AN EXISTING RETAIL ALCOHOLIC**
5 **BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED IN THE STATE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BEER, A**
6 **STATE CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE, A STATE CLASS 6 PUB-BREWERY LICENSE,**
7 **OR A STATE CLASS 7 MICRO-BREWERY LICENSE.**

8 **(C) A HOLDER OF A SPECIAL BF LICENSE SHALL DISPLAY AND SELL**
9 **ONLY BEER THAT IS:**

10 **(1) MANUFACTURED AND PROCESSED IN ANY STATE;**

11 **(2) PRICE FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED**
12 **BY THE COMPTROLLER;**

13 **(3) DISTRIBUTED IN THE STATE AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION**
14 **IS FILED; AND**

15 **(4) SOLD AT RETAIL ON THE DAYS AND FOR THE HOURS**
16 **DESIGNATED FOR THE FESTIVAL FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE LICENSED**
17 **PREMISES.**

18 **(D) THE LICENSE FEE IS \$15.**

19 **(E) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE HOLDER OF A SPECIAL BF**
20 **LICENSE FROM HOLDING ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF A**
21 **DIFFERENT CLASS OR NATURE.**

22 **(F) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY**
23 **SHALL:**

24 **(1) APPROVE ONE WEEKEND ANNUALLY FOR THE BEER FESTIVAL**
25 **THAT DOES NOT FALL ON THE DATES CHOSEN FOR THE SOTTERLEY WINE**
26 **FESTIVAL;**

27 **(2) APPROVE A LOCATION IN HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY FOR**
28 **THIS FESTIVAL; AND**

29 **(3) ENSURE THAT THE PRIMARY FOCUSES OF THE FESTIVAL ARE**
30 **BOTH THE PROMOTION OF MARYLAND BEER AND TOURISM IN HISTORIC ST.**
31 **MARY'S CITY.**

1 **(G) THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BOARD OF ST. MARY’S COUNTY SHALL**
2 **ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT THIS SECTION.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.